

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

RETURN

OF

PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW ACTS;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND)
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IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1900.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," up to the 31st day of January, 1900; also of Proceedings up to same date under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Land Purchase Acts."

COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st December, 1899, . . .	196,419		Rents fixed—		
Applications received in month of January, 1900, . . .	133	196,546	By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1899, . . .	4,661	
			" in month of January, 1900, . . .	2	4,663
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	10,523				
Do. in month of Jan., 1900, . . .	34	10,557	By Sub-Commissions to 31st December, 1899, . . .	167,963	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	30,054		" in month of January, 1900, . . .	147	168,110
Applications received in month of January, 1900, . . .	6	30,060			
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents,* to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	1,371		Dismissed—		
" received in Jan., 1900, . . .	9	1,380	To 31st December, 1899, . . .	9,304	
			In month of January, 1900, . . .	17	9,321
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	1,465				
Do. in month of Jan., 1900, . . .	2	1,467	Struck out—		
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	469		To 31st December, 1899, . . .	36,830	
Do. in month of Jan., 1900, . . .	2	471	In month of January, 1900, . . .	14	36,844
Applications by Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them, under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	40		Withdrawn†—		
Do. in month of Jan., 1900, . . .	—	40	To 31st December, 1899, . . .	15,097	
			In month of January, 1900, . . .	2	15,099
Total, . . .	—	240,420	Total disposed of, . . .	—	233,937

* These cases are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (C), page 6.

† An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st Dec., 1899.	51,141	51,510	Rents Fixed— By Chief Commission to 31st December, 1899,	791	801
Applications received in month of January 1900,	369		" " in month of January, 1900,	10	
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1899.	3,594	3,671	By Sub-Commission to 31st December, 1899,	25,838	26,325
Do. in month of January, 1900,	77		" " in month of January, 1900,	487	
			Dismissed— To 31st December, 1899,	583	594
			In month of January, 1900,	11	
			Struck out— To 31st December, 1899,	4,982	5,068
			In month of January, 1900,	86	
			Withdrawn*— To 31st December, 1899,	867	877
			In month of January, 1900,	10	
Total,	—	55,181	Total disposed of,	—	31,665

* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be ordered, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1899,	128,777
Do, do, in month of January, 1900,	445
Total,	129,222

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1899,	20,832
Do, do, in month of January, 1900,	943
Total,	21,775

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 31st December, 1899,	1,822	1,834	Number disposed of to 31st December, 1899,	2,676
Applications received in month of January, 1900,	12		" " in month of January, 1899,	3
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st December, 1899,	43	43		
Do. in month of January, 1900,	—			
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st December, 1899,	1,063	1,063		
Applications in month of January, 1900,	—			
Total,	—	2,940	Total disposed of,	2,681

† The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1898,*	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1898, .	22	22
		" in month of Jan., 1900, .	37	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, .	30	30
		" in month of Jan., 1900, .	—	
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Dec., 1898, .	3	3
		" in month of Jan., 1900, .	—	
Total, .	55	Total disposed of, .	—	55

* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1898.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st Dec., 1898, .	19	Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1898, .	6	6
" in month of Jan., 1900, .	—	" in month of Jan., 1900, .	—	
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 31st Dec., 1898, .	3	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1898, .	11	11
" in month of Jan., 1900, .	—	" in month of Jan., 1900, .	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1898, .	3	3
		" in month of Jan., 1900, .	—	
Total, .	—	Total disposed of, .	—	20

V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LANDLORDS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 31st Dec., 1899, .	4,356	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1899, .	3,931	3,931
" in Jan., 1900, .	—	" in Jan., 1900, .	—	
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1899, .	405	405
		" in Jan., 1900, .	—	
Total, .	4,356	Total disposed of, .	—	4,336

VI.—APPEALS *re* FAIR RENTS, &c.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged to 31st December, 1899, . . .	49,752	Number heard to 31st December, 1899, . . .	24,909	
" " in month of January, 1900, . . .	196	" " in month of January, 1900, . . .	37	24,946
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	801	
		" " in month of January, 1900, . . .	—	801
		Number withdrawn to 31st December, 1899, . . .	21,741	
		" " in month of January, 1900, . . .	40	21,781
		Total Number disposed of, . . .	—	47,528
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . .	—	2,420
Total,	49,948	Total,	—	49,948

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Number of Appeals lodged during Second Statutory Term to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	13,524	Number heard to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	3,888	
" " in month of January, 1900, . . .	665	" " in month of January, 1900, . . .	89	3,977
		Number dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	—	
		" " in month of January, 1900, . . .	—	—
		Number withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	2,090	
		" " in month of January, 1900, . . .	68	2,088
		Total Number disposed of, . . .	—	6,065
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . .	—	8,124
Total,	14,189	Total,	—	14,189

VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1888.

	Number.	Amount.
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1899,	29,179	£ 11,452,066
" " in month of January, 1900,	—	—
	29,179	11,452,066
Deduct Applications refused,	3,811	1,450,426
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1899,	25,368	9,992,640
Loans sanctioned in month of January, 1900,	—	—
	25,368	9,992,640
Loans issued to 31st December, 1899,	25,367	9,992,515
Loans issued in month of January, 1900,	—	—
	25,367	9,992,515

VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1891, 1896.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 31st December, 1899,	28,087	8,397,640		
Less applications since withdrawn,	44	8,948		
	28,043	8,388,692		
Loans applied for in month of January, 1900,	640	274,919	28,703	8,663,611
Loans applied for (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1899,	802	230,197		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	802	230,197
Loans applied for (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st December, 1899,	109	106,594		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	109	106,594
Loans applied for (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1899,	15	284,849		
„ in month of January, 1900,	2	40,506	17	325,355
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st Dec., 1899,	2,835	749,767		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	2,835	749,767
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st January, 1900,	—	—	32,468	10,075,594
Less applications refused to 31st January, 1900,	1,038	417,653		
„ „ in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st January, 1900,	1,077	302,344	2,115	719,897
			30,351	9,355,627
Loans sanctioned to 31st December, 1899,	22,490	6,894,989		
„ in month of January, 1900,	296	79,032	22,786	6,973,121
Loans sanctioned (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1899,	802	230,197		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	802	230,197
Loans sanctioned (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st December, 1899,	109	106,594		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	109	106,594
Loans sanctioned (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1899,	15	284,849		
„ in month of January, 1900,	2	40,506	17	325,355
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st Dec., 1899,	1,758	447,523		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	1,758	447,523
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st January, 1900,	—	—	25,472	8,082,790
Less applications rescinded to the 31st January, 1900,	—	—	89	19,319
			25,383	8,063,471
Loans issued to 31st December, 1899,	18,215	5,734,436		
„ in month of January, 1900,	159	50,298	18,374	5,784,739
„ (Section 40, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1899,	802	230,197		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	802	230,197
„ (Redemption of Rent Act, 1891), to 31st December, 1899,	84	82,649		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	84	82,649
„ (Section 43, Act, 1896), to 31st Dec., 1899,	15	284,849		
„ in month of January, 1900,	2	40,506	17	325,355
„ in cases of Purchase of Estates (Section 5, Act, 1885), to 31st December, 1899,	1,758	447,523		
„ in month of January, 1900,	—	—	1,758	447,523
			21,035	6,870,453

IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 31st Dec., 1899,	1,450	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 31st Dec., 1899, . . .	169	169
“ in January, 1900,	6	Number received in January, 1900, . . .	—	
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents* to 31st Dec., 1899,	1,271	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of January, 1900,	9	1,280
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired,	—	1,449
Total,	1,456	Total,	—	1,456

* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (a), page 2.

CIVIL BILL COURTS.

MONTH OF JANUARY, 1900.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law Acts," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of January, 1900.

I. FAIR RENT.

(a) In Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 31st Dec., 1899,	32,260	32,387	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1899,	18,244	18,244
Applications received in month of January, 1900,	27		“ in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1899,	4,368	4,379	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1899,	4,099	4,099
Applications received in month of January, 1900,	11		“ in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an adjournment is pending, to 31st Dec., 1899,	3,560	3,560	Applications withdrawn* to 31st Dec., 1899,	503	503
Applications received in month of January, 1900,	5		“ in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," to 31st Dec., 1899,	115	115	Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1899,	11,988	12,024
Applications received in month of January, 1900,	—		“ in month of Jan., 1900,	36	
Total,	—	39,346	Applications by Joint Tenants, or Tenants in Common, to fix Fair Rents of portions of Holdings separately worked and occupied by them under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1896," transferred to the Irish Land Commission to the 31st Dec., 1899,	40	40
			“ in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
			Total disposed of,	—	34,810

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred where applications to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Applications under *Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881,* to have Fair Rents fixed in Court for a Second Statutory Term to 31st December, 1899,	6,929	Rents fixed to 31st Dec., 1899,	1,861	
		" in month of January, 1900,	—	1,861
Applications received in month of January, 1900,	67	Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1899,	219	
		" in month of January, 1900,	—	219
		Applications withdrawn* to 31st Dec., 1899,	84	
		" in month of January, 1900,	—	84
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission, to 31st Dec., 1899, in month January, 1900,	3,594	
			77	
Total,	6,996	Total disposed of,	—	3,671
				3,885

* An Application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be altered, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

(b.) Out of Court.

FIRST STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 44, fixing Fair Rent to 31st December, 1899,	7,321
Do, do, in month of January, 1900,	1
Total,	7,322

SECOND STATUTORY TERM.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 45, fixing Fair Rent for a Second Statutory Term, received to 31st December, 1899,	125
Do, do, in month of January, 1900,	—
Total,	125

II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.):			Number disposed of to 31st December, 1899,	348	
Applications received to 31st December, 1899,	640		" in month of January, 1900,	4	352
Applications received in month of January, 1900,	1	641	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1899, Transferred in month of January, 1900,	42	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 33) received to 31st December, 1899,	3			—	42
Applications received in month of January, 1900,	—	3			
Total,	—	644	Total disposed of,	—	394

* The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is treated as Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1888,†	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 31st Dec., 1889,	—	6
		" in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1889,	6	
		" in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 31st Dec., 1889,	—	
		" in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1889,	—	—
		" in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
			—	
Total,	6	Total disposed of,	—	6

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1888.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887"—FORM 38.

Number of Applications received to 31st Dec., 1889,	32	Applications granted to 31st Dec., 1889,	3	3
		" in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 31st Dec., 1889,	4	
		" in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 31st Dec., 1889,	1	
		" in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 31st Dec., 1889,	3	1
		" in month of Jan., 1900,	—	
			—	
Total,	32	Total disposed of,	—	11

IRISH LAND COMMISSION,
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